

# ASPIRA, Inc. of Pennsylvania

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1985 MINUTES

### PRESENT:

Lydia Hernandez-Velez  
Melba Rodriguez-Cherico  
Carmen Colon  
Nereida Saez  
Nitza I. Quiñones  
Mario Powell-Gonzalez

Andres Perez, Jr.  
Lucy Rivera  
Ana Pujols-McKee  
Roland C. Albino  
Daniel Concepcion

### EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Maria Quiñones (in P.R.)  
Bernadette Torres (at work)

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Isa Velez

The meeting held at Temple University was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Lydia Hernandez-Velez, Chairperson. It was acknowledged that a special Board training was conducted in the morning, which was considered the first of many more Board and staff planning sessions.

Manny took a few minutes before the Programmatic Report to review the materials in the Board folders.

Roland requested more information on Hilda Crespo since it stated on Juan Rosario's memo that she had some involvement with other organizations (i.e. LULAC).

After reviewing the materials, Manny introduced staff: Delia Reveron, the new ASPIRA of Penna. Program Director, Rosita Archilla, Assistant Executive Director and Leyda Duprey, Executive Secretary. Rosie and Delia presented the Programmatic Report as follows:

### I. PROGRAM REPORT

Rosie started the Program Report which consisted in detail of Youth Leadership Development Program activities which took place during the last quarter as follows:

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- A. Roller Skating Party for year end activity by Mastbaum Club.
- B. A.M. Philadelphia Show participation by Mastbaum Club.
- C. Third Annual NCPRR Convention, Juan Gonzalez asked ACF students to participate, which they did, volunteering as registrars.
- D. M&M Candy Drive by Center Club and Mastbaum Club.
- E. Choice Training for staff on Teenage Pregnancy completed.
- F. KJAC Banquet in honor of John Fareira and new Edison High School. ASPIRA had two tables (one with aspirantes).
- G. Mayor's Anti-Graffiti Program recruited 15 students and hired 6 students for summer.
- H. End of Year activity to the Circus by Girls High Club.
- I. Kensington Club trip to Great Adventures; 60 students participated.
- J. Clementon Amusement Park trip by Edison and Stoddart Fleisher clubs.
- K. Hershey Park by Mastbaum club.
- L. Annual Awards Ceremony and Dance - 300 people attended. Good recommendations were made by Lydia Hernandez-Velez. 92 students were sponsored through contributions. Special thanks given to all Board members who contributed and/or otherwise supported.

COUNSELING COMPONENT ACTIVITIES:

- A. Health Careers Conference was the largest one we have had. Everything was paid by the College. We just paid for the bus. Guest speaker was Rolando Thorne from RWJ Foundation (himself an ASPIRANTE from New York).
- B. Field Trips
  - 1. West Chester State University
  - 2. Chestnut Hill College
- C. Application Process Workshop.
- D. For Seniors Only Workshop - prepare students before going into post secondary schools.

#### RESEARCH PROJECT

Research has hired all interviewers! They will complete their 1st year on August 31st. 2nd year follow-up will be done by phone, if necessary. Final recording and data analysis will occur during this year, with a final report for fall, 1986.

#### SUMMER CAREER EXPLORATION PROJECT

- A. 10 college students have been hired and a one week intensive training has been provided. 100 high school students are being screened and placed.
- B. William Penn Foundation has included ASPIRA staff in developing RFP's for Year Round Program for career ed., and cooperative ed. (employment) placements in the private sector. ASPIRA will be asked to apply for program to start November, 1985.

It is expected that it will consist of 50 students from one school and placed in a private sector (i.e. Edison High School); and 50 students from other schools (i.e. eligible ASPIRANTES from all other clubs).

Delia covered the remainder of the program report, as follows:

#### QUARTERLY PROJECTIONS:

- A. The summer months will mostly be for staff planning of the coming year's activities, follow-up of clients, and vacations.
- B. Maria Quiñones, ACF President, and Michael Meléndez, new Youth Advocate, are in Puerto Rico attending the ASPIRA Discovery of Puerto Rico training on the political, familial and cultural insights of Puerto Rico, sponsored by ASPIRA of New York. Also participating are ASPIRA of New Jersey and ASPIRA of Puerto Rico.
- C. Test Taking Skills Workshop - a two day workshop with a specialist from Washington, D.C., 15-16 students will participate.
- D. Film Festival at the Rodriguez Library will be held.
- E. ASPIRANTES will take part in the Festival del Niño on August 17, 1985, by Alianza Puertorriqueña.
- F. Summer ACF organizing students to participate in these activities.
- G. United Way Fun Day on September 8th. Every year we have students participate in painting faces, selling balloons, etc...

- H. SAT Course - six week course in basic skills in September, 20 students are already registered.
- I. Officers training for new officers being planned, more information in September's meeting.
- J. Staff Retreat scheduled for September 13th-14th.

Manny informed Board members that they will receive copies of staff's workplans in September's meeting.

He also informed Board members that our Talent Search Program has been refunded for three year continuation grant. ASPIRA of New Jersey and OIC in Philadelphia were not refunded.

II. INTERIM BUDGET:

Manny reported that there are several proposals that are pending. Health Careers has not be finalized, and therefore it is difficult to make an accurate budget projection this year.

After an extensive discussion on the Income and Expense and the budget, Lydia proposed a tentative approval. Nitza motioned to approve the Projected Budget, seconded by Mario Powell.


The budget was unanimously approved by the Board until further review at the September meeting.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 1985, 5:30 P.M. AT THE ASPIRA CENTER.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
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NITZA T. QUINONES, SECRETARY

  
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